GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES FOR COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGES
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/implemented schemes/programmes to aid the North-Eastern States in combating climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including funds allocated /spent during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region [General V.K. Singh (Retd.)]

(a) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is collaborating with the Deutsche Gesellschaft fÃ¼r Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation) or GIZ, an international enterprise owned by the German Federal Government, on a Technical Cooperation project 'Climate Change Adaptation in the North Eastern Region of India' (CCA-NER).

(b) The value of the project is approximately Rs.34 crore. The programme is presently being implemented in the States of Sikkim, Nagaland and Meghalaya. The original duration of Technical Cooperation programme was three years i.e. from the 1st July, 2011 to 30th June, 2014. Cost-Neutral Extension for CCA-NER upto 31.03.2014, has been granted by the Government. Since it is a Technical Cooperation (TC) Project, funds are not routed through the Government of India and the Ministry of DoNER does not make any budgetary provisions for the CCA-NER. Expenditure is incurred by the GIZ and there is no State-wise allocation/ expenditure of funds.

Details of Expenditure on the project are as given below: -

Year	Expenditure (Rupees)
2011	1,13,04,867.00
2012	5,31,09,768.00
2013	10,16,60,822.00
2014	8,15,63,883.00
TOTAL	24,76,39,340.00

Average exchange rate EURO taken for the respective years in INR.

(c) As per reports received from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, during the 12th Five Year Plan, a new thematic scheme on "Climate Change Action Programme (CCAP)", with an outlay of Rs.290 crore has been launched to build capacity and support implementation of relevant climate change related actions at the national and State level. Coordinated Studies on Climate Change for North East Region (CSCCNER) is one amongst the eight activities under CCAP, which aims to undertake studies to assess the impact of climate change on various sectors like forests, biodiversity, water, health etc. in the North Eastern Region of the country. A sum of Rs.5 crore has been earmarked for this activity.